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AMUSEMENT NOTES

"Every man with the heart of a boy is a Peter Pan." This sentence explains the remarkable popularity of J. M. Barrie's great play Peter Pan which Charles Frohman will present at the opera house on Saturday, December 28. Peter Pan has marked an epoch in the drama among English-speaking peoples. The popular love of it seems to increase rather than to diminish. For five years it has been a prime favorite with theatre-goers in London and in English provinces, and in America it is now in its third year of record-breaking favor. It was thought that Mr. Barrie had reached the high water mark of his popularity with American play-goers in the success of his "Little Minister." But Peter Pan far outstrips "The Little Minister." A positively new note has been struck by Mr. Barrie in Peter Pan, whimsical and fanciful as this author always is. It is not too much to say that no man except Mr. Barrie could write Peter Pan. It really seems that he has discovered "something new under the sun." No one has ever seen a play like Peter Pan. It is in a class entirely by itself. Its atmosphere is one of gentle, wholesome optimism, its message one of the brightest given to man. There is a stimulus for the mind and a fillip for the blood in every line and in every action in it. To miss it is nothing short of a misfortune.

Charles Frohman from the time that he received from Mr. Barrie the manuscript of Peter Pan saw its beauty and possibilities and has given to it a most sympathetic interest in presenting it on the stage. Mr. Frohman and Mr. Barrie have been most unusually rewarded, the manager for his courage in staging Peter Pan and Mr. Barrie in writing it. Mr. Frohman will give local theatre-goers as careful a production of Peter Pan as those at the Empire theatre, New York, or the Duke of York's theatre, London.

A STRONG SAVINGS INSTITUTION

The strength of a Savings Bank depends not alone on the size of its deposits nor the number of its depositors. It depends rather upon the kind of securities in which the management invests their funds and the care with which these securities are looked after. The Danby Mirror evidently thinks these conditions are well met in the Hyde Park Savings Bank. It says:

Beginning July 1st, the Lamotte County Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Hyde Park, Vt., will pay four per cent interest on deposits remaining in its care for a year or more. This is a particularly strong savings institution, and during its existence has invested the money of its depositors wholly in the state and has never lost a dollar. Hon. Carroll S. Page, one of the most able business men in Vermont, and the state's honored ex-Governor, is president of the bank—the kind of a president who knows at all times how the affairs of the bank are being conducted, and is ever active in promoting its interests and protecting its depositors against possible loss.

SLAUGHTERING OUR MINERS

Per Cent of Killed Greatest in
World

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER

Too Little Precaution Taken for the
Safety of the Workers—The Re-
port Made on Mines by the
Interior Department.

Washington, Dec. 20.—During 1903 nearly 7,000 men were killed or injured in the coal mines of this country, a large increase over previous years, and this increase has been due in part to the lack of proper enforceable mine regulations and inadequate information regarding explosives.

This is the finding of a board of experts, given in a report by Secretary Garfield. The secretary last June asked George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, for information as to mine disasters. Joseph A. Holmes, chief of the technology branch; Clarence Hall, explosives expert, and others made examinations of dangerous coal mines in Indian Territory.

MINERS TRY TO AGREE ON PEACE WITH THE OWNERS.

Attempt Being Made at Goldfield Today
to Come to Terms.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 20.—O. A. Hilton of Denver general counsel for the Industrial Workers of the World, and special counsel for the American Federation of Labor, has arrived in Goldfield, empowered by President Meyer of the Western Federation of Miners to make terms of peace with the mine owners of Goldfield. Just what are the terms on which peace may be made Attorney Hilton refused to say.

SAVED HER MOTHER AT RISK OF LIFE.

Miss McCann Arrived Just in Time—
Father Admits He Fired House.

Bridgeport, Ct., Dec. 20.—His invalid wife lying bedridden, Thomas McCann deliberately set fire to their home. At the risk of her life their daughter rescued her helpless mother.

Miss McCann returned home at noon smoke and flames were pouring from her dwelling. Shouting "Mother! mother! she can't move; she'll be burned to death," the young woman dashed into the house.

An hour after the fire McCann surrendered himself, saying it is charged: "I set fire to my own house because I had a right to. My family would not get out and I was trying to smoke them out, but the firemen spoiled my plans; I don't care what becomes of me now."

"I shall give all the data necessary; for instance, the number of performances, the seating capacity of theatres, the floor space occupied by orchestras that have been shifted, the extent of the floor space used for extra seats with the dimensions of the seats, and the extent of the floor space occupied by standees. I feel confident that I shall get a pretty accurate estimate."

ILLINOIS CIGARETTE LAW VOID.

A Joker in It Which Escaped the Legis-
lature.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Supreme court declares the anti-cigarette law, passed by the last legislature, unconstitutional on technical grounds. The law prohibited the sale of cigarettes. But there was a joker in the bill which the legislature under the police powers conferred upon it by the constitution undoubtedly had the right to pass a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, but that the law passed last winter contained provisions not enumerated in its title, and therefore did not prohibit the sale of cigarettes containing "pure tobacco." Lucy Page Gaston, leader of the anti-cigarette crusade, announces her intention to begin the fight for another law.

BLACKLIST LIQUOR VIOLATORS.

The Written Promise of the Brewers in
St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—Excise Commissioner Mulvihill announced Wednesday that the brewers in St. Louis and East St. Louis and the four leading brewers of other cities having deposits here, have made a written pledge that they will not sell beer or other supplies to any saloon or "hid" club which the commissioner places on a blacklist which he will furnish the manufacturers. The blacklist will comprise the names of saloons or clubs that violate the liquor law.

THREE FIRMS WORK TOGETHER.

This Is a New Form of Industrial Com-
bination.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Announcement was made here yesterday that the Bausch & Lomb Optical company and Bausch, Lomb, Saugmiller & company of this city, and Carl Zeiss of Jena, Germany, all of international reputation, have formed an association unique in industrial life. While the association will not be a consolidation, the three firms will give to each other the benefits of their business organization, inventions, scientific developments, formulas, shop methods and experience.

\$470 A YEAR FOR 17 YEARS OF COURTING

What an Iowa Man Must Pay Miss
McKenzie—So Decides the Jury—
The Total Amounts to
\$8,000.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 20.—For each of the 17 years that he courted Miss Winifred McKenzie of Hampton, Ia., before he eloped with Marie Leveque of Des Moines, J. B. Gray must pay Miss McKenzie \$470.39, in all \$8,000.

Gray is wealthy and 58 years old. Miss McKenzie is 18 years younger. She is a talented and attractive school teacher. When she heard of Gray's elopement she sued for \$25,000 for breach of promise. The jury decided for her.

Miss McKenzie produced a bundle of letters from Gray, tied in a blue ribbon, and her attorneys read them to the jury. "My dearest Winifred," they would start. "With love and kisses, your own Billy," they would end.

Gray testified that he never proposed in all his courtship with Miss McKenzie, but that she continually proposed to him.

"You used to kiss Miss McKenzie and take her in your arms and tell her you loved her," asked the cross-examiner.

"Yes, but not in the marrying sense."

"You kept this up for at least 14 years and after she first made this proposal that you say was so distasteful to you, didn't you?"

"Yes, sir."

BRIDES SAID: "NO; GIVE US PRIVACY."

No "Honeymoon Special" for Chicago
Girls to Be Made Kodak Targets.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—When S. A. Hutchinson, manager of the tourist departments of the Chicago & Northwestern and Union Pacific railroads, decided to inaugurate a "honeymoon special," he reckoned without his hosts.

The train was to start Wednesday night. Brides, however, had read the story. They imagined their pictures being distributed through the newspapers of the country as they stood on the back platform of the observation car leaning upon "George's" arm.

They couldn't stand the idea, so they wrote in, at least 20 of them did, and said they would take other trains.

Newly married couples took train No. 1, which left early in the evening.

MUST FACE CHARGE OF KILLING HIS WIFE.

C. W. Johnson Adjudged Probably Guilty; Woman Drowned in Her Own
Blood.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 20.—Clarence W. Johnson, who claims to be a Sioux Indian, was adjudged probably guilty yesterday of murdering his Spanish wife, Evelyn, on Dec. 8, and was held for the next session of the grand jury.

It was brought out by Medical Examiner Jay Perkins, a witness for the prosecution, that the woman's death was due to drowning in her own blood. Dr. Perkins said that the bullet which struck Mrs. Johnson perforated a branch of the pulmonary artery, and that the cavities of her lungs filled with blood, causing death by drowning.

SEVEN HURT IN CRASH IN PHILADELPHIA STATION.

Sleeping Cars Collide as Passengers Pre-
pare to Leave Them.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Seven passengers were slightly injured in the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday by a collision of sleeping coaches.

CASTAWAYS MAY BE CREW OF SEWALL.

Signal Fires on Rocky Island Near Cape
Horn Seen By Steamer—Bath
Bark Lost Nearby.

New York, Dec. 20.—From information received at the maritime exchange yesterday it is believed the shipwrecked crew of the Bath bark Arthur Sewall, wrecked off the Horn some time ago, is living on one of the small islands off Cape Horn. The British steamship Raphael, which arrived at Montevideo Nov. 30, from Callao for Liverpool, reported seeing fires burning on an island far to the southward of the eastern entrance to the Straits of Magellan.

The fires were evidently maintained as signals. The machinery of the Raphael was defective and she kept on her course. At Montevideo the information was telegraphed to Punta Arenas and a steam tender has been sent to make a search of the islands.

From the description it is believed that the fires were seen on Straggler's island, which is to the southward of Smyth's channel.

Shipping men are of the opinion that the castaways may be the crew or part of the crew of the American four-masted bark Arthur Sewall, long overdue at Seattle from Philadelphia. The Sewall, one of the largest American sailing vessels, sailed on April 3 last, and since then nothing has been heard of her.

About two months ago a steamship reported having sighted the upper masts of a large ship sunk to the southward of the Horn. The Sewall carried 32 men.

A party cast away on one of these bleak islands off the Horn without food would have a hard time. They are merely large fragments of rock without vegetation, and the only food to be obtained is the shell fish.

A NOVEL QUESTION.

Wife's Kiss Does Not Constitute Coer-
cion?

Mobile, Dec. 20.—Do a wife's kisses constitute coercion such as to invalidate a legal document made under the influence of a kiss?

This is the question propounded to Judge Williams by attorneys in the Yason will case. Attorneys for the contestant say it does and cite decisions of the United States supreme court to prove it. Attorneys for the proponent say it does not, and quote decisions of the supreme court at Montgomery to uphold the contention that conjugal affection is never illegal.

ALDERMEN RE-ELECT AHERN.

He Was Removed From Office By Gov-
ernor Hughes.

New York, Dec. 20.—John A. Ahern, who recently was removed from the office of president of the Borough of Manhattan by Governor Hughes, on charges preferred against officers of the City club, yesterday was re-elected borough president to succeed himself, by the board of aldermen by a vote of 24 to 12. Ahern was elected borough president by popular vote at the last city election.

NOT AFTER CALDWELL.

Conflicting Stories Concerning Druce
Case Witness.

London, Dec. 20.—When the testimony of Robert C. Caldwell, the Staten Island witness in the Druce perjury case was rejected by his own side, Caldwell made a prompt departure for New York on the steamship Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, but yesterday it is authoritatively stated that no application was made for his extradition.

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